480. **Dr. A. R. Menon**—With regard to cases not charged, will the Government be pleased to give the following particulars:—

(a) the nature of the occurrences;

(b) the names of the owners and drivers of the vehicles with the qualifications of the latter;

(c) the names of the individuals injured or killed;

(d) the reasons for not charging the drivers or owners responsible for the occurrence; and

(e) the nature of any departmental action, if taken, by the licensing officer against the persons responsible for the occurrences?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) to (e). Vide the statement given in *Appendix VII.*

Free tickets for Performances.

481. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if they are aware that some of their officers belonging to the Magisterial and Police Departments and the Chairmen of some of the Municipalities are in the habit of accepting or insisting on obtaining from the proprietors or organisers of Dramatic, Circus, or Cinema performances complimentary tickets for themselves and, sometimes, even for their families and friends and of attending them without making any payments whatsoever;

(b) if they are not aware of any such practice, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries in the matter and obtain the reports of the District Magistrate, the Commissioner of Police and the Chairmen of Municipalities thereon for the information of the Council?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) The reports referred to are appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

Medicines supplied to the Central Jail.

482. **Dr. A. R. Menon**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the cost of medicines supplied to the Central Jail for each of the last five years; and

(b) the number of in-patients or out-patients treated during the period?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) and (b). A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix IX.*)

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Please refer to Appendix IX. For the year 1101 the medicine charges was Rs. 1,626-13-6. The number of out-patients was 645 and of in-patients 161. There

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was no appreciable increase in the number of patients, whereas the expenditure on medicine has gone up by 50 per cent. Will the Government be pleased to give the information as to what the increase of expenditure in the Jail Hospital is due to?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The annual indent for the year 1101 was an exceptionally short one as evidenced by the figures for cost of medicines when compared with the cost of the previous year. So all supply was exhausted before the close of the year, and when the Civil Surgeon sent his indent again, he put in a demand for a greater supply, stating that in the previous year he had to purchase medicines locally on account of the early exhaustion of the annual supply, and consequently, for the first time in the account, medicines such as quinine, epsom salt, glycerine, castor oil, etc., which used to be bought separately, were entered under this head. Since then, the system of getting the Jail Department to pay the cost of medicines has ceased. This was not included in the accounts of the previous years. I came to find it out, and I said that these amounts also should be included in the accounts of the department. So that also was included for the first time in the accounts of 1101. These are the reasons which contribute to the increase in expenditure.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to say how much increase there was under this particular head?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I want notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is the increase in expenditure due to any increase in prices?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No, Sir.

The Conference of Registrars.

483. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was any conference of Registrars in Cochin;

(b) if so, whether the conference is being held at present;

(c) if not, when it was discontinued; and

(d) why?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

(a) Yes. In 1099.

(b) No.

(c) In 1100.

(d) The necessity for it was not felt afterwards.

The Co-operative Society Bank, Irinjalakkuda.

484. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

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Letter dated 16th February 1927, C. No. 750/1102, from the District Magistrate.

Adverting to your Official Memorandum, R. O. C. No. 1145/1102, dated 3rd February 1927, forwarding for my remarks Legislative Council question No. 481 by Dr. A. R. Menon, I have the honour to inform you that the Magistracy do not require any complimentary tickets where great crowds of people assemble. On such occasions it forms part of the duty of the Magistracy to be present at such places without any tickets whatsoever.

I am not aware of any instance where the Magistracy has insisted upon obtaining from the proprietors of Dramatic and other performances complimentary tickets either for themselves or their families or friends, though there are instances where complimentary tickets have been presented to Magistrates and they accepted them in some cases as a matter of common courtesy.

APPENDIX IX.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 482.*)

	1097	1098	1099	1100	1101
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Medicine and Instruments ...	941 13 0	926 5 9	941 11 9	528 5 3	1,626 13 6
In-patients ..	98	101	48	17	161
Out-patients ...	743	582	714	415	645

APPENDIX X.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 486.*)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Judicial and Legislative Department

READ correspondence ending with the Commissioner's letter C. No. 155 of 1102, dated 24th September 1926.

Order C. No. 178/1102, dated 11th October 1926.

The Commissioner of Police is informed that hereafter no Head-constable, unless he be a graduate, should be promoted to the Sub-Inspector's place, either temporarily or permanently without previous sanction.

(True extract)

A. K. VENGU AYYAR,
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Commissioner of Police.

APPENDIX XI.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 391.*)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Miscellaneous Department.

(Miscellaneous).

Read again Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 5684/97, dated 22nd December 1923, regarding the archaeological inscriptions existing in the State.

Read also subsequent correspondence ending with the Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 231/1100, dated 13th October 1924.

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